



DOD Worldwide Education Symposium 2003 delivers successful program

Three years of hard work culminated in Orlando, Florida, 7-11 July, for the DOD Worldwide Education Symposium. From the presentation of the colors to their retirement, the program offerings were as vast as they were varied. Almost 1,700 educators supporting our nation's armed forces came together for renewal, learning, and reunion. With 2 general sessions, 68 concurrent

stated in his welcome, Deputy Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, John Molino, reminded us there was indeed a "confluence of common interests."

During the opening ceremony, First Lady Laura Bush welcomed the audience with a special video from the White House, thanking them for their support of the men and women

LeMoyne, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, United States Army, reminded the group that "there is a human aspect to everything we do. There is no single path to education—there are multiple paths, and the military must support the 'nonstandard path'."

Lieutenant General Garry Parks, Deputy Commandant, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, USMC, reminded us that we "train for certainty, but we educate for uncertainty." Vice Admiral Al Harms, Jr., Commander, Naval Education and Training Command praised the military members—"phenomenal men and women who want to do something that impacts more than them." He said, "We train richly—to understand the art of the possible, and be willing to push for the impossible." Mr. Charles Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, delivered the keynote address contrasting voluntary education in 2002 with the previous year. "In FY02, education centers worldwide processed just under 700,000 enrollments and graduated 29,000 students ... enrollments are up 30 to 40 percent over 2002." He spoke of "transformative learning becoming more reflective and critical; being more open to perception of others and accepting of new ideas." He indicated those in voluntary education understand the need for transformation, "to accomplish the mission, you must

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Mr. Gary Woods presides over the opening ceremony at the DOD Worldwide Symposium 2003

sessions, 12 roundtable discussions, 144 exhibitors, workshops and special meetings, there was something for everyone. Clearly, professional development and networking were fueled by the excitement of "Worldwide 2003" attendees. As

in the armed forces and saluting their contributions.

The theme of the conference, "Lifelong Learning: Enhanced Readiness for the Nation," was emphasized in many speakers' comments. Lieutenant General John

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Lenoir Community College offers new online degree programs

Lenoir Community College (LCC) in Kinston, North Carolina, (<http://www.lenoircc.edu>) has two new online degree programs designed to meet the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges requirements:

- A.A.S. in Global Logistics Technology – with courses focusing on supply chain,

distribution, and international logistics. A five-course certificate is also available to be earned online in GLT.

- A.A.S. in Court Reporting and Captioning – with courses focusing on careers in court reporting and captioning endeavors.

Both degree plans are structured to allow students to take the entire curriculum online or take the specialized courses online from LCC and the other courses from a local campus of their choice. Special tuition rates have been approved for out-of-state students. For more information, call 800-848-5497 or e-mail wem131@lenoircc.edu for Global Logistics, or jdm502@lenoircc.edu for Court Reporting.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) news

New ASE Form

The new *DANTES ASE/ACT Examination Test Control Officer Form* replaces the outdated form that required name, social security number, and desired tests for each prospective candidate. This new ASE form streamlines the TCO's completion time. The form only requests information on the TCO. At the bottom of the form it asks for the number of candidate registration forms attached.

The new form is at http://www.testdantes.doded.mil/testdantes_web/library/docs/certification/ExamMatOrderFrm.pdf.

Deadline nears

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) ordering deadline is approaching. The deadline for receipt at ASE/ACT is 19 September. DANTES funds up to three tests for eligible active duty and Reserve component personnel in related military occupations. We request that you use the necessary ASE forms on the DANTES Certification Program Web pages. Please remember that each prospective candidate must complete a *DANTES Test Registration Form*. Attach the required forms from all candidates to the *DANTES ASE/ACT Test Control Officer Form*.

Send questions or concerns to the DANTES Certification Program at certprog@voled.doded.mil or call us at DSN 922-1360 or (850) 452-1360.

ASE I.M.P.A.C. Card Form

If your automotive maintenance unit wants to use their government I.M.P.A.C. card for payment of their military personnel to take ASE tests, please complete the new *DANTES ASE/ACT Examination I.M.P.A.C. Card Payment Form*. The form provides a space for the card number, expiration date, unit name, point of contact and telephone number. Please submit the form along with the completed examinations and other materials to ASE/ACT in Iowa City, Iowa. Find the form at the following Web site: http://www.testdantes.doded.mil/testdantes_web/library/docs/certification/ASEPaymentForm.pdf.

E-mail inquiries to the Certification Program at certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Calendar

October

3	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
4	LSAT
6-10	CLEP General English Comp w/ Essay* +

November

10-15	GRE Subject*
15-19	Praxis*
13, 18, 20	ASE (Conus)**
18, 19, 20	ASE (Overseas)**

December

5	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
6	LSAT
15-20	GRE Subject*

January 2004

10-14	Praxis*
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Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

+ Last administration of paper-based CLEP General English Composition with Essay

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/02-03cal.doc

FY04 Examinations Program changes

The program changes listed below are effective 1 October 2003 (except for the GMAT fee increase) and are included in the FY04 edition of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook* that you should receive in September.

GED

Current GED Batteries (Form ID and IE) are valid until 31 December 2003 and must be returned immediately after that date. GEDTS will distribute new Calendar Year 2004 batteries (Forms IG and IH) in November for use after 1 January 2004.

ACT

Retest fees increased from \$25 to \$26. Effective immediately, all DANTES-funded military examinees must complete Block "M" of the ACT Universal Answer Folder by entering "98" followed by the DANTES ID Number. Block "T" "1st Choice" must also indicate the Service status code. (See the *ACT Chapter* or *Examiner's Manual*.)

SAT

Retest fees increased from \$26 to \$28.50.

DSST

The DSST transcript fee for all examinees increased to \$20 per transcript and the civilian DSST test fee increased to \$45. The "Principles of Financial Accounting" test now has two forms, SG/SL 525.

CLEP

After January 2004, there will be three different options for accessing DANTES-funded CLEP eCBT examinations; these will be described in the October 2003 *DANTES Information Bulletin* and through

other media. A revised withdrawal schedule for the current CLEP paper-based tests is available on the Exams home page and in the FY04 CLEP Chapter. The CLEP transcript fee for all examinees increased to \$20 per transcript.

GMAT

Effective 15 July 2003, the GMAT test fee increased to \$225.

LSAT

The test fee increased to \$108. DANTES does not fund the LSAT examination.

2003-2004 Calendar of National Testing Programs distributed

This 2003-2004 Calendar of National Testing Programs is available on the Exams home page at **http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/02-03cal.doc** under the "Other Information" drop down menu.

We also distributed copies to all DANTES Test Centers for use on your installation. The DANTES Stock Number is 1223.

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prove yourselves everyday as masters of innovation.” Mr. Constantine (Dino) Curris, President of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, provided the Closing Address reinforcing the commitment to educating Service members by quoting Thomas Jefferson: “I think by far the most important bill in our whole code is that for the diffusion of knowledge among the people.” “Educate and inform the whole mass of the people — light and liberty go together.”

Senior leadership and support for the Symposium was provided by Mr. Gary Woods, Chief, DOD Continuing Education; the VoEd Service Chiefs/Directors; and DANTES Director, Dr. Barry Cobb. Ms. Pat Landry, Chairperson, managed the complexities of WW03. The multi-Service Planning Committee members (past and present) are to be commended for their hard work and dedication in working on this event. They include: Ms. Carol Osborn, Ms. Betty Keese, MAJ Hal Abbenhaus, MGySgt Jim

O’Keefe, Dr. Clinton (Andy) Anderson, Ms. Janice Yoo, Ms. Ava Marlow-Hage, Ms. Marylee Baker, Mr. Patrick Billhartz, Ms. Belinda Jones, Colonel Henry Payne, Ms. Jonell Calloway, Ms. Mary Norwood, CPT Elizabeth Kirby, MAJ Ron Schwickerath, and Ms. Marcy Shapiro. These individuals, and many more, gave countless hours of effort to this labor of love.

THANK YOU all for making WW03 a great success! See you at WW06!



Symposium workshops and discussions provide important networking opportunities

It has been several weeks now, and we have had time to regroup and ponder the information provided by exhibitors from workshops and through roundtable discussions during the WW03 Education Symposium. As most of you are aware, the ability to network during any conference, and especially at our DOD Education Symposium, is available to participants and is probably the most important personal aspect of attendance.

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We wish to thank all the participants who attended the sessions provided by the Counseling Support Program. The sessions included two DISCOVER presentations, two Kuder sessions, two Campbell Interest and Skills Survey presentations, the Career Assessment Inventory, and four Myers-Briggs Type Indicator sessions. We compliment the presenters from our contracted companies that provided training on their individual products during this conference because their outstanding abilities contributed to the overall success of the Symposium.

Comments and evaluations indicate the presentations were well-received

and very informative. All those who attended the MBTI training sessions should be in receipt of the training certificate.

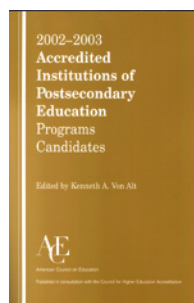
Also, it was great to see individual Services organizing and uniting former counselors, ESSs, and ESOs so that contacts are not lost. On the personal note of having participated in the "Army Old Timers" reception on 8 July, it was a pleasure to see, speak, and reminisce with those who attended.

Conferences on this scale do not just happen, so, from the Counseling Support Team, we thank the all-Service committee and all of those participants for making this our best conference ever.

Any questions can be sent to counseling@voled.doded.mil.

Latest edition of Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education available

The 2002-2003 edition of *Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education* was distributed to education centers this past summer. If your education center did not receive the book or needs more copies, please contact the Reference Publications Manager at DSN 922-1763 or (850) 452-



1763, or e-mail refpubs@voled.doded.mil.

We have a limited quantity of these this year, so counselors should share their copy with others.

Web sites may provide useful information

The following Web sites may be of interest to counselors and Service members who are pursuing post-secondary education:

- **BACK-TO-COLLEGE WEB SITE:** For adults who are considering the pursuit of education: <http://www.back2college.com/collegeprep.htm>.
- **COLLEGENET.COM** – This Web site provides lots of services and information to college students. Also, CollegeNet has been hired by hundreds of leading institutions to host their official forms for admissions, tuition, etc. Go to: <http://www.collegenet.com/about/index.html>.
- **PETERSON'S EDUCATION CENTER** – A great overall site for any individual contemplating college. Go to: <http://www.petersons.com>.

For any questions on reference publications, either online or hard copy, contact DANTES' Reference Publications Manager.

A Legacy of Leadership

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

As we approach 11 September, we call to mind the indelible date we were drawn together as a nation in response to the terrorist attacks on America. It is fitting that we reflect on one of the many Americans taken from us. Let us share in honoring the life and contributions of an inspirational leader and dedicated advocate of Voluntary Education—Sergeant Major Larry L. Strickland. A Soldier with a career spanning more than 28 years and due to retire, SGM Strickland was lost in the Terrorist Attack on the Pentagon. He was a pioneer in Army Voluntary Education and relentless in his pursuit of educational opportunities for Soldiers.

Career Highlights

Sergeant Major Larry Strickland enlisted in the Army in May of 1972. A native of Bellingham, Washington, he served in all areas of military personnel management to include the 9th Adjutant General Company at Fort Lewis, Washington. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Regents College of New York. As Sergeant Major of the Engineer Branch and Signal Branch of the Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Virginia, SGM Strickland worked as a member of the 1989 Noncommissioned Officers Leader Development Task Force. As Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) (1990 - 2001), he provided advice on plans, policies, and programs that were of major impact on the entire

enlisted force of the Army. He served as the liaison between the DCSPER and the Sergeant Major of the Army. He was a firm advocate for educational programs, and played a major role in expanding the education opportunities of soldiers. He served on the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Army Degree (SOCAD) Sergeant Major Advisory Group from 1997 to 2001. His belief was, "when you educate NCOs, you educate the soldiers they lead."

In the words of Ms. Dian Stoskopf, Chief, Education Division, U.S. Army, "Larry was a friend. We went to him for guidance...he always gave the soldiers perspective."

An excerpt from a Certificate of Appreciation from Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges:

Sergeant Major Larry L. Strickland was an articulate and respected voice at Army Headquarters and within the Army's senior enlisted leadership... He will be remembered for his

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—Sergeant Major Larry L. Strickland

unstinting advocacy for soldier education, said Dr Steve F. Kime, Director, SOC.

On 19 September 2002, Strickland Hall was dedicated as a complex providing housing for 1st Personnel Group Soldiers at Fort Lewis, Washington, in memory of SGM Strickland. In part, the inscription reads: "Sergeant Major Larry Strickland, "The Soldiers



SGM Larry L. Strickland
February 14, 1949 -
September 11, 2001

Soldier"...Through his foresight and innovative efforts, he helped define the educational opportunities the Army needed for its soldiers...

Sergeant Major Strickland's untiring devotion and selfless service reflects the highest credit upon him and his family, and is in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the United States Army."

Among his many career awards SGM Strickland received three posthumous awards: the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Medal, and the Cold War Certificate. His wife, Command Sergeant Major Debra Strickland, and three children, Julia Dill, Matthew, and Christopher survive him. His parents, Lee and Olga Strickland, reside in Washington State.

As we pause to honor Americans lost on 11 September 2001, let us remember SGM Strickland's inspirational contribution and legacy of leadership.

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RCEP meets at Worldwide

by MAJ Hal Abbenhaus, DANTES Reserve Component Advisor



MAJ Abbenhaus

The Reserve Component Education Panel (RCEP) met twice during the 2003 Worldwide Education Symposium held in Orlando from

7-11 July. The first meeting was an internal meeting held on Sunday prior to the Symposium. The second meeting was held as an open session. Seventy-five attended as the RCEP members briefed their respective component programs and answered questions. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to our RCEP open session.

The closed meeting RCEP reviewed the panel's charter, discussed future membership changes, and reviewed the voluntary education support chart for FY04, located on the DANTES Reserve Component Programs Web site. Each component representative reviewed their tuition assistance (TA) programs. These programs are outlined on the RCEP panel slides at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

A significant point of discussion was the unavailability of TA for mobilized Reserve officers. Reserve component officers who are taking advantage of RC TA programs are no longer eligible to receive RC TA money once mobilized. They are also ineligible for Active component TA funds because of the inability to complete incurred active duty service obligations. Many mobilized reservists have the opportunity to continue their educations, but are limited by access to tuition assistance funds. The RCEP is committed to elevating this issue and providing options for resolution that support our Service members.

Mr. Max Padilla (SOCGUARD) provided information on the impact of military mobilization on Service members who are enrolled in some facet of the DOD voluntary education program. SOC has been designated by OSD to assist Service members who are experiencing problems with postsecondary educational institutions.

Service members can call the SOC helpline for assistance at 1-800-368-5622 or access the SOCGuard Web site at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/socguard> for more information.

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Mr. Padilla reported that 52 percent of calls from Service members involved a request for refund of tuition and other institutional charges. Forty percent involved academic status issues and 15 percent involved re-enrollment/readmission issues. He further reported that the overwhelming majority of requests for assistance from Guard and reservists are resolved with the institution in favor of the student.

One unresolved case that is being worked by Mr. Padilla involves Title IV loan program recipients. Under the Higher Education Act as amended in 1998, the Department of Education (ED) requires colleges to apply a formula to return "unearned" Title IV money to the ED for students who withdraw. No provisions are provided to differentiate a normal withdrawal versus one for military purposes. Once a school pays back

the unearned money to the ED, the Service member now owes money to the school and is no longer protected and treated as a subsidized loan. We will provide more information on this subject when it becomes available.

As stated earlier, the open session RCEP was well-attended, and the slides are available on the DANTES Web site. Some great questions and comments were posed to the panel. Ms. Marsha Moses, Education Services Officer for Eagle Base-Tuzla, who also supports the Army Education Center in Afghanistan, requested RCEP assistance to resolve the mobilized Reserve Officer TA issue.

Other questions/comments included how the Air National Guard paid their federal TA program. They reimburse TA as opposed to up-front payment. Is there a way to convince schools that support the military to accept 25 percent of TA payment up front from the Service member and then 75 percent of TA after the course is completed? Although no set answer, education professionals in the field are encouraged to establish positive working relationships with local colleges and universities which may enable payment options like this to be implemented.

A member of the Air Force Reserve mentioned that there were issues with slow TA payments. They had their Service members process grade reports through their office, then they forwarded the reports to DANTES. This enhanced TA processing and customer satisfaction. Other questions and comments were posed which led to an outstanding 90-minute session.

Thanks again to all who participated!

To contact an RCEP member, see the RCEP roster at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> or e-mail your questions/comments to rca@voled.doded.mil.

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